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Closing the Recycling Loop

By RYLEY PEREZ
Tangi Times A.C.E.

Recycling is an essential process that helps reduce waste, conserve natural resources, and create new products from used materials. But have you ever wondered what happens after you place your recyclables in the bin? The journey of recyclables involves several steps, from collection to processing and ultimately being transformed into new products. This continuous cycle is known as "the recycling loop."

The recycling process begins when a collection truck picks up your recyclables from curbside bins. From Tangipahoa, these materials are transported to Republic Services' Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Baton Rouge. The facility serves as a central hub where recyclables are sorted, processed, and prepared for reuse.

Once recyclables arrive at the MRF, they are placed on conveyor belts and sorted by hand into different categories, including paper and cardboard, metal, and plastics. Republic Services accepts plastics marked #1, #2, and #5, which are among the most commonly recycled plastic types.

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Glass jars, bottles, and food containers should be rinsed free of residue. The best way to clean these containers is to add some hot water to the container, close it tightly, and shake it until the visible remnants are mostly gone.

Materials that cannot be recycled, such as greasy pizza boxes, plastic bags, clothing, batteries, medical equipment, and Styrofoam, are manually discarded to prevent contamination.

Another item that cannot be processed in most recycling facilities is plastic bags, which can get tangled in machinery and cause delays. To prevent this complication, vacuums divert plastic bags away from the recycling stream.

However, some bags slip through the cracks, and equipment maintenance is necessary to clear them from the system. This is the reason that recycling companies ask customers to exclude plastic bags from curbside bins.

After sorting, the materials are compressed into large blocks called bales to facilitate transportation and resale. Paper and cardboard are fed into machines that press them into dense bales. These machines are capable of processing up to 50 tons per hour.

Similarly, plastic and aluminum are also pressed into bales and prepared for transport. These bales are then purchased by companies that specialize in recycling and reprocessing materials into new products.

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LEAP into Testing

By STEFANIE BROOKE, Tangi Times Community Journalist

Springtime in Louisiana means two things: crawfish boils and standardized testing season. As students sharpen their pencils (or more likely, charge their Chromebooks), LEAP testing is just around the corner, bringing with it a mix of excitement, nerves, and the occasional deep sigh from both kids and parents alike.

The Louisiana Educational Assessment Program, better known as LEAP, is the big end-of-year test for students in elementary through high school. It's designed to measure how well students have mastered the grade-level standards in subjects like math, English, science, and social studies. While it may not be as thrilling as recess or as tasty as king cake, LEAP plays a key role in tracking academic progress and determining student readiness for the next grade level.

For students, the word "test" can spark everything from quiet determination to dramatic groans. But fear not – there are plenty of ways to help your child tackle testing season like a pro. First and foremost, sleep is the secret weapon. A well-rested brain is a powerful brain, so encourage a solid bedtime routine leading up to test days.

Breakfast is equally important. It's like fuel for their thinking caps. A mix of protein and complex carbs (like eggs and whole-grain toast) can keep energy levels steady.

Encouragement goes a long way, too. Remind your child that they've been learning and preparing all year. A simple "You've got this!" in the morning can be the confidence boost they need. If test anxiety starts creeping in, deep breaths and positive affirmations can help. And if all else fails, a goofy joke or a lucky pencil never hurts.

Parents can also create a stress-free study zone at home. A quiet, comfortable space with minimal distractions can make reviewing less of a chore.

Reviewing a little at a time instead of cramming the night before helps information stick better. And let's be real – sometimes, just knowing that a post-test treat is waiting (hello, ice cream!) can make the whole experience feel a little less daunting.

At the end of the day, LEAP is just one part of the school journey. Whether scores soar like a pelican or simply take a steady waddle forward, what matters most is effort, learning, and growth.

So cheer on our young scholars as they take the leap into testing season!

Big Fun this Saturday

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Find the details in this week's What's Happening feature on Page 2 and go have some big fun!

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"What's a yute?"

Can you cite the movie that featured this memorable quote? Email the answer to publisher@tangitimes.com.

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Congratulations to Dan O'Callahan for being the first to correctly identify last week's challenge from *National Lampoon's Vacation!*

HOW IT WORKS

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(Tangi Times Photo)

This mountain of material will be recycled and reappear on shelves as new products within approximately 60 days.

Once the sorted recyclables reach manufacturers, they are broken down and reshaped into new products. Paper and cardboard are pulped and reformed into packaging and paper goods. Plastics are melted down and molded into new bottles, containers, or even clothing fibers. Metals, such as aluminum cans, are smelted and reused in new products with minimal material degradation.

One of the most remarkable aspects of recycling is its efficiency. Within approximately 60 days of being picked up by the recycling truck, many recycled materials re-enter the market as new products. This continuous cycle of use, collection, and reuse ensures that valuable resources are conserved, and waste is minimized.

By properly sorting recyclables, keeping them clean, and avoiding contamination with non-recyclable materials, individuals can contribute to an effective recycling process. Understanding the recycling loop highlights the importance of responsible recycling habits and how they directly impact our environment and economy.

The next time you toss a plastic bottle or cardboard box into your bin, remember – you're helping to keep the recycling loop in motion!

Earth Day at the Hammond Library

By STEFANIE BROOKE
Tangi Times Community Journalist

The Hammond Library is stirring up something sweet and sustainable for Earth Day with a one-day-only cozy café experience. On Saturday, April 19, from 11:00am to 1:00pm, families are invited to enjoy nature-themed snacks, games, and creative activities designed to celebrate our planet in the tastiest way possible.

Little chefs will have a chance to whip up something delightful in a pretend play café, while older kids and adults can channel their inner artist by decorating springtime cookies. But don't let all the sweet treats fool you – this event isn't just about satisfying a sweet tooth. There will be hands-on crafts, interactive games, and simple, practical tips on how to keep the Earth clean and beautiful.

Earth Day, first celebrated in 1970, has grown into a global movement inspiring millions to take action for the environment. Did you know that the average tree can absorb around 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year? Or that honeybees visit about 2 million flowers just to make a single pound of honey?

These fun facts and more might just pop up between cookie bites at the library's eco-friendly gathering.

Since cookie supplies are limited, registration is encouraged. Don't miss out on this delightful mix of learning, creativity, and treats, all served with a side of environmental love.

Whether you come for the cookies, the crafts, or just to soak in some Earth-friendly inspiration, the Hammond Library's Earth Day Café promises a deliciously good time for all.

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7-10pm
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Saturday April 5
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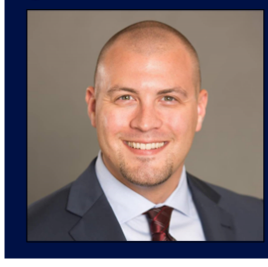

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OPTIONS President Emeritus Sylvia Bush Honored with Dick Knight Award

From OPTIONS

(Courtesy Photo)

Pictured left to right: Carrie Mercke, OPTIONS President and CEO; Casey Rudolph, OPTIONS Development Director; Sylvia Bush, OPTIONS President Emeritus; and Ernie Bush, husband of Sylvia Bush

OPTIONS is proud to recognize Sylvia Bush, OPTIONS President Emeritus, for receiving the prestigious 8th Annual Dick Knight Award, presented by the Northshore Community Foundation. This esteemed award honors nonprofit staff who exemplify dedication, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to service – qualities that Sylvia has embodied throughout her distinguished career.

The Dick Knight Award was established to celebrate the enduring legacy of Richard F. "Dick" Knight, a Founding Board Member of Northshore Community Foundation whose passion for community service continues to inspire. Each year, this award acknowledges individuals who demonstrate diligence, resiliency, and excellence in their work, making a lasting impact in the nonprofit sector.

Sylvia Bush was recognized during the Northshore Community Foundation's Annual Meeting on March 26, 2025, for her extraordinary contributions to OPTIONS. Serving as President and CEO for over 40 years, Sylvia played a pivotal role in transforming OPTIONS into the premier provider of services for individuals with disabilities. Her leadership, vision, and steadfast dedication have helped shape the organization into what it is today.

Although she has retired from her executive role, Sylvia continues to support OPTIONS as a devoted volunteer, ensuring that the organization's mission remains strong. Her ongoing involvement is a testament to her passion for empowering individuals with disabilities and fostering an inclusive community.

OPTIONS extends its heartfelt congratulations to Sylvia Bush for this well-deserved recognition and expresses deep gratitude for her remarkable service and unwavering commitment.

For more information about OPTIONS and its mission, please visit www.options4u.org.

OPTIONS is a local non-profit 501c3 agency whose mission is to help people with disabilities live and work in the community. OPTIONS has been providing quality services to people with disabilities in the Florida Parishes for over fifty years. For more information call (985) 345-6269 or visit www.Options4u.org.

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Garden Club Donates Book to Library

From Belle Oaks Garden Club

(Courtesy Photo)

Shown are Librarian Wanda Davis, garden club chairman Carolyn Todd, Author Martin, Vicky Fannaly, President Sandy Grimm, and Rose Doles.

Belle Oaks Garden Club donated a copy of local writer Kathryn J. Martin's book Long Way from Lonely, a fictional account of a soldier readjusting to civilian life following World War II, to the Hammond Branch of the Tangipahoa Library.

Honoring the coming National Library Week on April 6-12, the club members and author presented the book to Librarian Wanda Davis. Belle Oaks Book Chairman Carolyn Todd, author Martin, Belle Oaks members Vicky Fannaly (also member of Gardenettes), president Sandy Grimm, and Rose Doles.

The Hammond based club is a member of District VI, Louisiana Garden Club Federation Inc., Deep South Garden Clubs Inc. and National Garden Clubs Inc.

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A little bit of everything you need to know

On March 30, 2025, detectives with the Hammond Police Department Narcotics Division arrested Kenyarie Guzman, 29 years old of Ponchatoula, for multiple outstanding warrants. Following his arrest, detectives conducted a search warrant of the vehicle Guzman was driving and of an apartment on Kay Lane. During the search, detectives located the following: three bags containing approximately 25 grams of suspected heroin/fentanyl, one pill bottle containing approximately 206 pills, one glass jar containing approximately 15.41 grams of marijuana, one digital scale, and a large amount of US currency. Guzman was on probation for possession with intent to distribute illegal narcotics. Detectives notified the Division of Probation and Parole, which placed a detainer on Guzman. This was a joint investigation between the Hammond Police Department, Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office, and the Department of Homeland Security.

Sgt. Grant Candies' funeral was held in Slidell Tuesday at the Harbor Center. Thousands of law enforcement officers, community members, family, and friends attended the service. The Patriot Guard, a nonprofit supporting law enforcement officers, placed 144 flags outside the Harbor Center to honor Candies' life and service to the community. Candies was struck by a fleeing suspect's vehicle while attempting to deploy spike strips during a high-speed chase on I-10 near the Oak Harbor exit. He is a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, a husband, and a father of two. The St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office named him its 2023 Deputy of the Year. Visitation began at 10am, followed by the funeral service at 1pm. A public procession began at 2:30pm, passing the STPSO 1st District Station on Oak Harbor Boulevard before continuing to a private graveside service in Pearl River.

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) will begin work on the US 51 overlay project between Amite and Independence. Intermittent traffic delays are possible as work progresses. This project is expected to be completed by the end of September. This is an alternating lane closure on US 51 Northbound and Southbound from Wednesday, April 02, 2025, at 7:00am until Friday, September 26, 2025, at 6:00pm. The following are suggested alternative routes to avoid the work zone: Motorists traveling US 51 north may take Hwy 40 West to I-55north, then LA 16 east to re-intersect US 51. Motorists traveling US 51 South may take LA 16 west to I-55 South, then Hwy 40 east to re-intersect US 51. Wide loads are restricted to twelve feet. Emergency vehicles will have access. Motorists may encounter delays.

Parish officials are encouraging motorists to avoid two local roadways on Thursday as crews will be doing extensive road work in the area. Tangipahoa Parish President Robby Miller said Barriere Construction will begin paving Brown Road, located north of LA 22 in Pon-

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POS Ugochukwu Chukwudi

The Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office (TPSO) Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force arrested a man from Nigeria in its latest operation. Ugochukwu Chukwudi, 19, has been booked on 41 counts of Pornography Involving Juveniles Under 13 and 23 counts of Pornography Involving Juveniles. Last month, the TPSO ICAC Unit started investigating the uploading of pornography involving juveniles onto an online cloud service. Detectives were able to identify Chukwudi, living in Hammond, as the person uploading the material. He was taken into custody Monday, March 31.

An analysis of the devices Chukwudi had at the time of his arrest contained 64 video files containing child sexual abuse material with a majority of the victims being under the age of 13.

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Reading Revival and Resource Fair to Bring Free Books and More to Hammond

From Impact Connections

Impact Connections is excited to host the Reading Revival and Resource Fair on Friday, April 12, from 12:00 to 3:00pm at McLaurin Academy of Performing Arts at 300 W University Ave. in Hammond. This free, family-friendly event brings together educational tools and essential support services in one accessible, welcoming space.

Families will receive free books for all ages, along with resources on tutoring, after-school programs, and connections to local services that make everyday life a little easier. From housing and healthcare to enrichment activities and literacy tools, the event is designed to help families feel more supported and less overwhelmed.

"At Impact Connections, we believe access should feel simple and stigma-free," said Suzanne Blake, Social Work Intern at Impact Connections and student at Northwestern University. "This event brings that mission to life, giving families tools to thrive while building stronger community connections."

Event highlights include:

- Free books for children and families
- Information on tutoring and after-school programs
- Community resource tables with local organizations
- Interactive learning activities and entertainment

Families, educators, and community members are invited to join us for an afternoon of fun, learning, and support.

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Distracted Driving Costs Money and Lives in Louisiana

From Louisiana Highway Safety Commission

Distracted driving crashes in Louisiana cause death, injury, and higher insurance rates, state leaders and advocates said on Thursday.

To raise awareness of the issue, LHSC Executive Director Lisa Freeman hosted a news conference featuring Commissioner of Insurance Tim Temple, State Police Superintendent Col. Robert Hodges, Department of Transportation and Development Secretary Joe Donahue, and StopDistractions.org CEO Jennifer Smith.

Gov. Jeff Landry earlier proclaimed April as Distracted Driving Awareness Month in Louisiana.

Distracted driving is "any activity that diverts attention from driving," according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Distractions include using a cell phone, talking to passengers, eating or drinking, adjusting music or navigation settings, or anything that takes a driver's concentration away from the road.

Each speaker is working in his or her own area to improve safety, but all share the same "team goal" of eliminating distracted driving, Freeman said. "If you want to win the game, keep your eye on the ball. If you want to make it to the game, keep your eye on the road."

Distracted driving is an under-reported behavior because in some cases it may be difficult to determine driver distraction. However, the widespread use of cell phones is believed to be a major contributor to distracted or inattentive crashes.

Commissioner Temple said one reason auto insurance rates are high in Louisiana is too many people use their cell phones while driving, leading to destructive crashes.

"My message is clear," Commissioner Temple said. "Don't use mobile phones or other electronic devices while driving."

Distracted drivers are depriving themselves of "crucial seconds that could mean the difference between life and death," Col. Hodges said. "I urge you to make a commitment to yourself and your loved ones that you will not drive distracted. I have personally witnessed the tragic outcomes of distracted driving throughout my career, and our troopers witness it far too often across the state. LSP remains committed to keeping our roadways safe for Louisiana residents and visitors, but we cannot do it without your help."

"Safety of the traveling public is our No. 1 concern at DOTD," Secretary Donahue said. He added that preliminary data from 2024 show that distracted driving crashes led to 178 fatalities and 1,295 serious injuries in Louisiana. "These statistics reflect not just numbers, but lives lost, families shattered and communities impacted. These crashes are preventable when drivers pay attention to the roadway."

Smith started StopDistractions.org after her mother died in a 2008 Oklahoma City crash with a pickup truck. The truck driver admitted he did not see the red light because he was talking on his phone. The truck was traveling 45 miles per hour when it crashed into the side of the small SUV.

Today, Smith honors her mother's memory by traveling the country to raise awareness of the human costs of distracted driving. We have access to more data and better technology today that can reduce distracted driving, she noted.

"Every day, and every year that we fail to act on the proven solutions to reduce distracted driving, we let down the families of our friends and neighbors," Smith said. "Lives are being shattered, not just lost, by crashes that we know how to prevent.

"Families are burying their children, their parents, their spouses, because we aren't using the tools we already have. That's the part that breaks my heart the most. These crashes are destroying entire families, and they're completely preventable."

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chatoula, on Thursday, April 3. Motorists can expect delays while paving operations are underway and should avoid the route if possible. Depending on weather conditions, Miller said the overlay project could take several days to complete on this busy stretch of roadway. Barriere will also be working on a portion of Old Covington Highway east of the Airport Road roundabout starting on Thursday. Crews are scheduled to begin soil cement operations at that location, and motorists are encouraged to take alternate routes if possible. For more updates on road work in Tangipahoa Parish, consult www.Tangipahoa.org and the TPG social media channels.

Governor Jeff Landry issued an executive order calling for a hiring freeze across all state government departments and agencies. The order excludes local government entities. Landry said this freeze will shore up $20 million in annual savings to the state general fund. This comes after Amendment Two – a major piece of the governor's economic agenda – was struck down by voters in the March 29 election. Landry's 2025-2026 executive budget was presented last month, removing one-time items and incorporating some cost savings. He said in a statement that the budget was made in a standstill approach to address a fiscal shortfall allegedly inherited from the previous administration. Landry issued this freeze yesterday ahead of the April 14 legislative session to rein in spending and prevent cuts to essential services. The hiring freeze doesn't go into effect until April 11 and is set to expire on June 30.

The Springfield Police Department has been informed of an individual impersonating a Springfield Police Department Officer who is contacting random residents in Livingston and Ascension parishes and possibly other areas. He is calling from 225-395-1977. The impersonator identifies himself as Sergeant Blanched or Belcher, allegedly from the civil warrants division of the town of Springfield. However, it is crucial to note that the Springfield Police Department has no civil division. All civil issues are handled by the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office and the Justice of Peace in the parish of Livingston. We advise against providing personal information to unknown callers. We also have learned he is asking for payment through Bitcoin. If you believe your law enforcement agency is attempting to contact you, please contact them directly. They will confirm their staff members and any potential business with you. For residents of Livingston Parish, please call the non-emergency number 225-686-2241. For individuals residing within the Springfield Police Department corporate limits, please call the non-emergency number 225-294-3150. In the event of an emergency, please dial 911.

Just before 7:00am, Ponchatoula PD officers responded to a call of a possible death behind a building in the area of N. 5th Street and E. Hickory Street. Ponchatoula Fire Department personnel began administering CPR to the subject. The efforts were continued by Acadian, but the subject was unable to be revived. The subject was identified as 67-year-old Stuart Kennedy. Kennedy was transported to the Tangipahoa Parish Coroner's Office where the cause of death will be determined.

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CITY OF PONCHATOULA

PUBLIC NOTICE

The following properties have been set for demolition by the City of Ponchatoula:

Wesley J Threeton
Location: 150 Ford Street
Assessment # 1698605

A public hearing will be held on April 14th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m at a regular meeting of the City Council at 125 W. Hickory St. Anyone with any comments may appear before the council at this time.
/s/ Chris Winburn
Building Official
Publish: March 19, 22, 26, 29, and April 2, 5, 9, 12, 2025

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The following properties have been set for demolition by the City of Ponchatoula:

Marquerite Perrin
Location: 525 Kathleen Street
Assessment # 02700409

A public hearing will be held on April 14th, 2025 at 6:00 p.m at a regular meeting of the City Council at 125 W. Hickory St. Anyone with any comments may appear before the council at this time.

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Arts Center Recognizes Board Member at Members' Celebration

From HRAC

The Hammond Regional Arts Center will present longtime advocate of the arts Pat Macaluso with the HRAC's Lifetime Board Member distinction award. She, along with fellow charter member Denise Tullier-Holly, will be given special recognition for their more than forty years of service to this community through the Hammond Regional Arts Center mission.

Macaluso and Tullier-Holly are long supporters of the cultural efforts in the Hammond area and key players among the founding members of the HRAC (formerly the Hammond Cultural Foundation), who helped get the non-profit organization off the ground 43 years ago.

"Many of our community members may not realize how they're reaping the benefits of decades of work that leaders in local arts, such as Pat and Denise, have put in. They were part of a movement that set in motion a cultural revitalization in this area, and the result is downtown Hammond has become a cultural and artistic hub for our region. Our organization cannot thank them enough for their commitment to promoting the arts locally," Griffin said. "We're delighted to commemorate their legacy during our members' mixer."

Hammond Regional Arts Center's 2025 "Members Mixer" will take place on Friday, April 11, from 5-7pm, as part of the opening reception of the new exhibition "A Moment of Stillness" by New Orleans-based artists sculptor Hernán Caro and painter Tina Marie.

The "Members Mixer" aims to celebrate all of the HRAC members whose membership supports the organization's mission of serving Northshore-area residents by making exhibitions, arts educational programming and special events possible in Tangipahoa Parish.

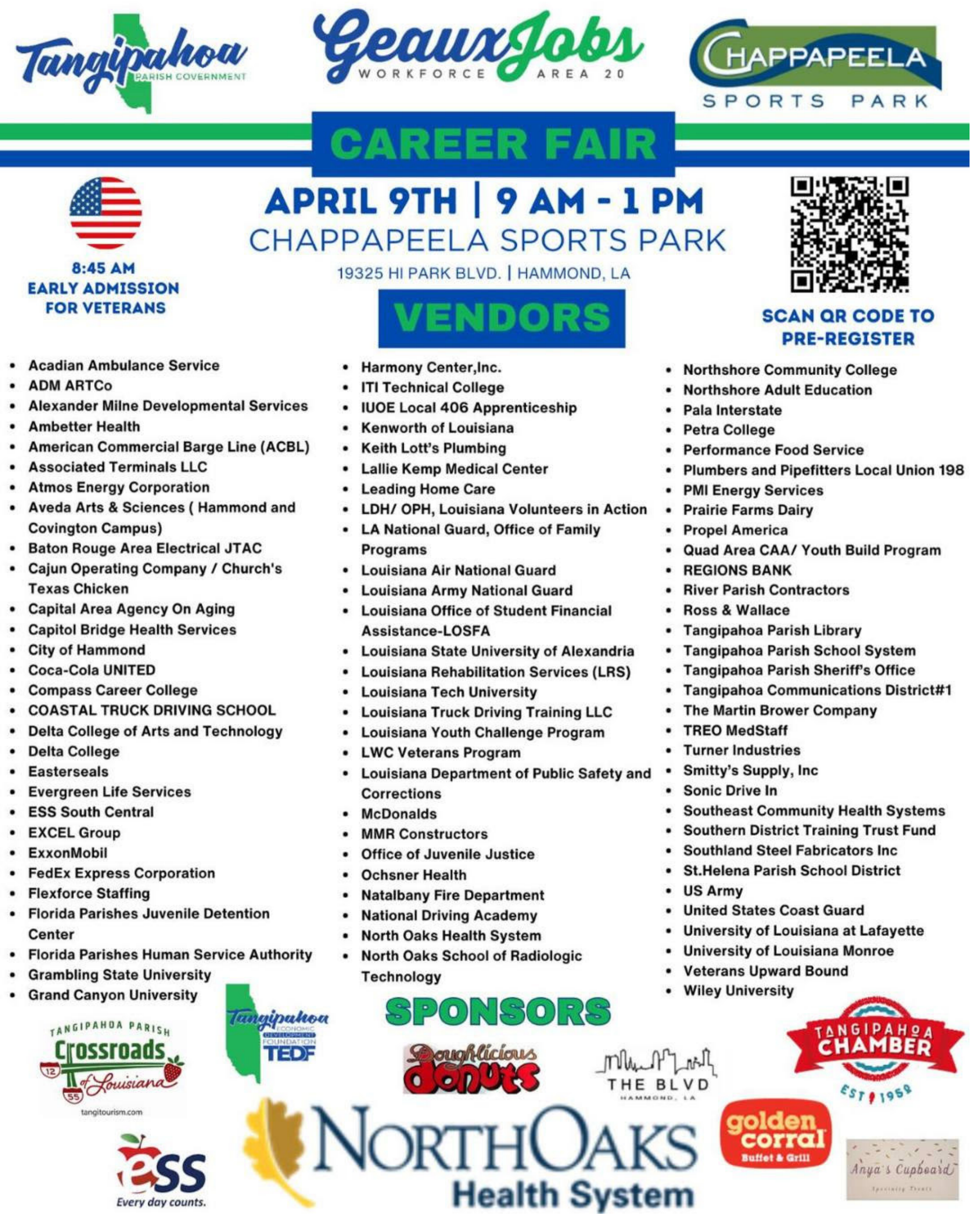
"As the Hammond Regional Arts Center continues to thrive as a center for artistic expression, this year's members' celebration serves as a moment to recognize the individuals who contribute to our arts community," HRAC Director Melissa Griffin said. "Members, patrons and supporters are invited to join us for an evening of celebration and connection."

As a show of appreciation for its members, attendees can enjoy catered food, thanks to a generous donation from longtime supporter Alan Krilov; signature champagne cocktails, created by some of the HRAC board of directors; and live music by local duo Blue Soul. This year's celebration is set to be memorable as it will offer HRAC members the first opportunity to view the "A Moment of Stillness" before the public. This unique exhibition features intriguing, minimalist sculptures by Hernán Caro harmoniously paired with moving abstract paintings by Tina Marie.

Following the "Members Mixer," community members are invited to the public reception for "A Moment of Stillness" from 7-9pm at the Arts Center, located at 217 East Thomas Street in Hammond. In addition to the Main Gallery exhibition, HRAC is pleased to feature its next exhibition upstairs in the Mezzanine Gallery. The exhibition, titled "Experiments in Color," highlights the work of Landin Petz, a local Hammond artist who specializes in glow-in-the-dark paint and acrylic epoxy projects. Both exhibitions will remain on display at HRAC through May 22.

The Members Mixer is free for current and renewing members of HRAC. For those interested in joining the Arts Center, individual membership starts at $35. HRAC also offers discounted rates, with membership available for as low as $25 for students, teachers, military and seniors.

To join HRAC or update your membership, please visit hammondarts.org/join-today or call 985-542-7113.



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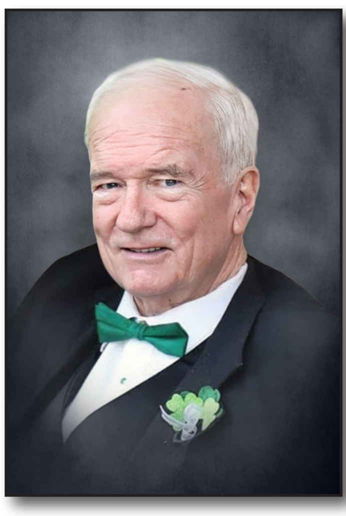
BRYAN T. MCMAHON



Bryan T. McMahon

Bryan T. McMahon, 74, the longtime Editor and Publisher of The Ponchatoula Times, passed away peacefully on March 31, 2025, at his home in Ponchatoula, LA. Originally from a rough side of Detroit, Michigan, Mr. McMahon excelled in academics and was active in the performing arts and published books of poetry. He founded three newspapers in Louisiana and lived as a true scholar and modern-day bard. He won the Louisiana Press Association's top award for investigative journalism, and the Brown Pelican Award, for environmental reporting, among many other awards and recognitions for his prolific newspaper career.

Bryan is survived by his children, Anna Breaux (Lyle), Bliss McMahon (Ben), Brendan B. McMahon (Landis), and Deirdre Margaret McMahon Sanchez (Mariano), grandchildren, Felicity, Patrick, Claire, Anna Maria and Lucas; brother, Mark McMahon, of Grosse Pointe, Michigan; and his son, Ryan McMahon (Anne); and their children Cayden, Connor, Collin of Michigan; as well as multiple Van Antwerp cousins and Frederick in-laws.

Bryan is preceded in death by his loving wife, Terry Ann McMahon (nee Frederick); parents, Bernard Vincent McMahon and HelenAnn McMahon; and brother Terrence McMahon.

Bryan was a proud dual citizen of Ireland and the U.S.A. and founder of the Krewe of Erin Ponchatoula St. Patrick's Parade. "Wearing of the green" is encouraged and all are welcome to services arranged by Harry McKneely. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation held at Harry McKneely & Son Funeral Home, 100 W. Magnolia St., Ponchatoula, LA 70454, Friday, April 4, 2025, at 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Visitation will continue Saturday, April 5, 2025, at 9:00 am until services begin at 11:00 am.

Interment will follow in Ponchatoula Cemetery, Ponchatoula, Louisiana.

Charmian Louise Dufrene; 52; Independence; March 27; survived by her daughter, Mariah Hyde (Trevor); daughter, Taylor Mulkey; mother, Mary Jo Dufrene; fiancé, Jeremy Romero; sister, Charlotte Smith (Jerry); grandchildren, Melodie Mulkey and Ellis Ragusa; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

Loretta McCullen Hofsaess; 64; February 16; survived by her mother, Ada (Sis) McCullen, and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Emma Seals Rushing; 90; Kentwood; April 1; survived by her daughter-in-law, Wava Hill; grandchildren, Robin Phelps, Wendy Neu, and Jody Varnado (Nikki); and great-grandchildren, Joshua Neu, Heather White, Cody Phelps, Robert Neu, James Neu, and Matthew Varnado.

Andrew "Andy" Shrader Jr.; 88; Holden; March 30; survived by his loving wife, Bobbie Nagy Shrader; sons, Andrew "Cliff" Shrader III (Kay) and Christopher Shrader (Kristy); daughters, Fran Guerin (Andre) and Erin Allain; nine grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren.

Michael "Mike" Wesley Magee; 55; Hammond; March 29; survived by his wife, Jamie Baker Magee; daughters, Olivia and Gracie Magee; son, Luke Ard (Albert); siblings, Theresa Magee King (Bennie) and Scott Magee; nephews and nieces; cousins; and in-laws.

John E. McAllister; 71; Ponchatoula; March 29; survived by his wife, Vicki McAllister; children, Tammy Crawford, Theresa Beard, Angela Gross, John Gross (Christy), Stacy Cooper, David Gross, Shawn Phillips, and Carrie McAllister; eighteen grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; his favorite niece, Linda Stromeyer, and numerous other nieces and nephews.

Milba Janice Landry; 83; Springfield; March 30; leaves behind her children, Rhonda Poche (Darryl), Michelle Traylor (Dennis), and Mark Landry (Tiffany); grandchildren, Joshua, Jonathan (Suzana), Kristin (Anita), Ashleigh, Jesse, Destiny (Blake), and Chase; great-grandchildren, Daisy and Cypress; many nieces and nephews; sister, Marie (Len); and brothers, Michael, Mervin, and Freddie.

Vivian Jeanette McCurley Pedigo; 86; Ponchatoula; March 31; survived by her sons, Stewart Pedigo (Stephanie) and Steven Pedigo (Frances); grandchildren, Dennis, Leslie, and Aaron Pedigo (Kristen); great-grandchildren, Evy, Audrey, Kallie, Layla, and Eli; great-great-grandchildren, Paisley and Lily; sisters, Marie Toler (Charlie) and Ann Bruce; and many nieces and nephews.

William Carrol Bass; 85; Hammond; April 1; survived by his sisters-in-law, Evelyn Hayes and Helen Pope; daughter, Becky Seale (Edwin); sons, Christopher Bass (Ashley), John Donnes (Genna), and Michael Bass; nephew, Rufus (Sasha); fourteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Ronald "Ron" Wayne Nethercutt; 88; Hammond; March 25; survived by his wife, Gloria Nethercutt; children, Chad Nethercutt and Traci Navarre (Heath); their mother, Donner Nethercutt; grandchildren, Parker Navarre, Ruby Nethercutt, Sawyer Navarre, and Kyle Nethercutt; and a community of students, colleagues, and friends who will forever cherish his memory.

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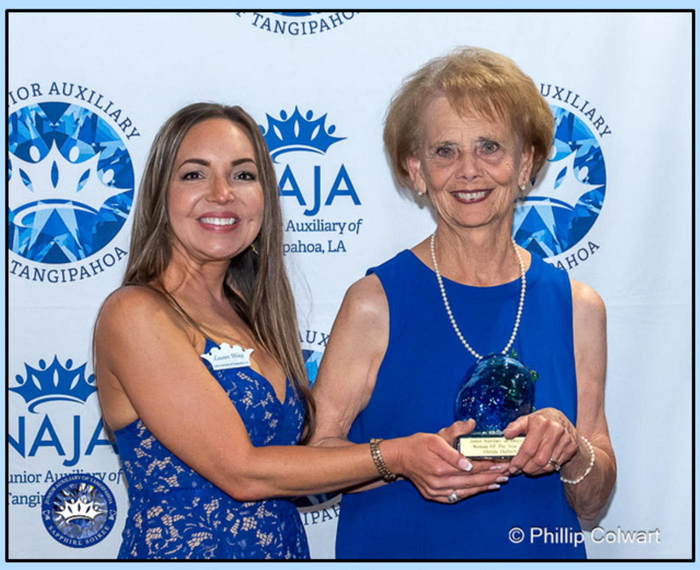

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Group Holds Writers' Retreat

By Pam Villagran

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(L to R): Alisa LaGroue, Kathryn Martin, Tracey Boyle, Pam Villagran

On the weekend of March 28, 2025, Creative Minds Writers' Group of Ponchatoula (CMWG) hosted their first writers' retreat at Camp Living Waters in Loranger, LA. Attendees stayed overnight in charming cabins on the property.

The group's acting treasurer and board member, Alisa LaGroue, did a wonderful job organizing the event and led the attendees in writing sprints on Friday night. A slide show presentation on "Plot Structure and Development" was prepared and presented by club secretary, Tracey Boyle.

All the members who participated unanimously agreed that the retreat was a huge success and a productive writing experience.

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Next Level Football Alliance Action

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

This weekend in area Next Level Football Alliance action, the Bayou Vipers (1-1) play at home for the first time this season, when they take on the Tri-City Savages (2-1) at Amite High School. The Bayou Lacombe Cardinals (1-1) make their home debut when they take on the Louisiana Huskies (0-4) at Lakeshore High School in Mandeville.

Entering the week, Tri-City sits tied atop the NLFA's South Division standings with the area's other team, the South Louisiana Demons, who have a bye this week. Wins by both the Cardinals and the Vipers will create a three-way tie for the division lead.

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Campus Corner

By PABLO CREWES
Tangi Times Sportswriter

The Dow is up! This week's Campus Corner starts with the newest addition to the Southeastern Louisiana University Family with a Monday morning press conference to introduce new Lady Lion Basketball Coach Jeff Dow.

Later that afternoon, softball's Hallie Burns was tabbed as the Southland Conference Pitcher of the Week. The freshman from Boothville, MS, earned the honor after tossing the 12th no-hitter in school history.

Her award marks the fourth time that Southeastern has had a player recognized by the Southland this year, following staff mate Macie Larue, who earned the same honor in early February and then a month later, and Maria Detillier, who was named the Hitter of the Week on March 3.

The next day, Coach Rick Fremin's club hit the road for the last time in non-conference play, when they traveled to the Mississippi state capital to square off with Jackson State in a doubleheader. The SWAC foe proved to be paper Tigers, as SLU pummeled JSU.

In game 1, the Lady Lions pounded out 12 hits in an 11-0 win. Three pitchers – Olivia Henry, Celia Lamkin, and Macie Larue – combined for the no-hitter, limiting Jackson to only five base runners.

SLU stole seven bases, with Shelby Morris and Detillier having two each. Morris and Kaliey Dixon scored a pair of runs each. Larue improved to 12-0 with the win.

In the nightcap, Burns bumped her record to 10-3 in a 12-0 drubbing. Lainee Bailey and Britney Lewinski both saw action in the win.

Like in the early game, Dixon and Morris touched home twice. Southeastern also swiped six bags, as they won their ninth straight to improve to 31-8.

Also on Tuesday night, SLU baseball was in Mobile to take on South Alabama. The Jags jumped out to an early 2-0 lead after the first inning, only to see the Lions bounce back with five in the top of the second.

USA cut the lead to a run going into the top of the ninth, but Southeastern pushed across three more to make it 8-4. The Jaguars made it interesting in the bottom half, scoring two more, but they couldn't complete the comeback.

Six Lions saw action in the win. Chase Ambrose improved to 2-0 with the win, and Brady St. Pierre picked up his fifth save in 2025.

Coach Bobby Barbier's club collected 11 hits, five of them for extra bases including a pair of homeruns, including Ryan Brome's Southland-leading 11th and Ben Robicheaux's sixth.

Both baseball and softball return to Hammond this weekend, stepping back into league play.

The ladies start a heavyweight showdown on Friday against McNeese State. The two teams were selected as the preseason SLC favorites after finishing first and second a season ago.

The Cowgirls claimed the regular season conference crown, only to see Southeastern win the Southland Tournament, earning the league's automatic bid into the NCAA Regionals. The clash of the champions begins on Friday afternoon in a doubleheader that starts at 4, followed by a single game on Saturday. SLU enters tops in the league in pitching and hitting, and MSU is third and fourth, respectively.

SLU baseball, which currently sits in third in the SLC with a 9-3 mark, entertains the cellar-dwelling Incarnate Word Cardinals. It's an even money bet that this time two weeks ago, Coach Dow would have probably been rooting for the birds – just a guess.

The Lions come in as the SLC's best pitching staff, while UIW brings up the rear. Southeastern is third in hitting and first in home runs by far, while the Cards are seventh in batting average, but third when it comes to the long ball.

Things get started on Friday at 6 at Alumni Field. Twenty-four hours later, it's game two and things wrap up on Sunday at 1.

The beach volleyball, outdoor track, and tennis teams are also in action this weekend. Beach volleyball takes part in the Hub City Classic in Hattiesburg, MS, on Friday, starting off with Springhill College at 2:30 and the host school Southern Miss two hours later.

Outdoor track and field will be in Baton Rouge for two days, taking part in the Pelican Relays, hosted by Southern University. Competition starts on Friday at noon and continues Saturday morning at 9:30.

On Sunday, the Lady Lion tennis team will be in the Magnolia State to square off with Mississippi Valley State, starting at 11 am.

The Lion golf team will kick off next week's action on Monday in New Orleans, taking part in the Bayou Oaks Match Play in City Park on Monday and Tuesday.

If you want to know how to watch, hear, and follow live stats of your favorite Southeastern sports, visit the online den, lionsports.net.

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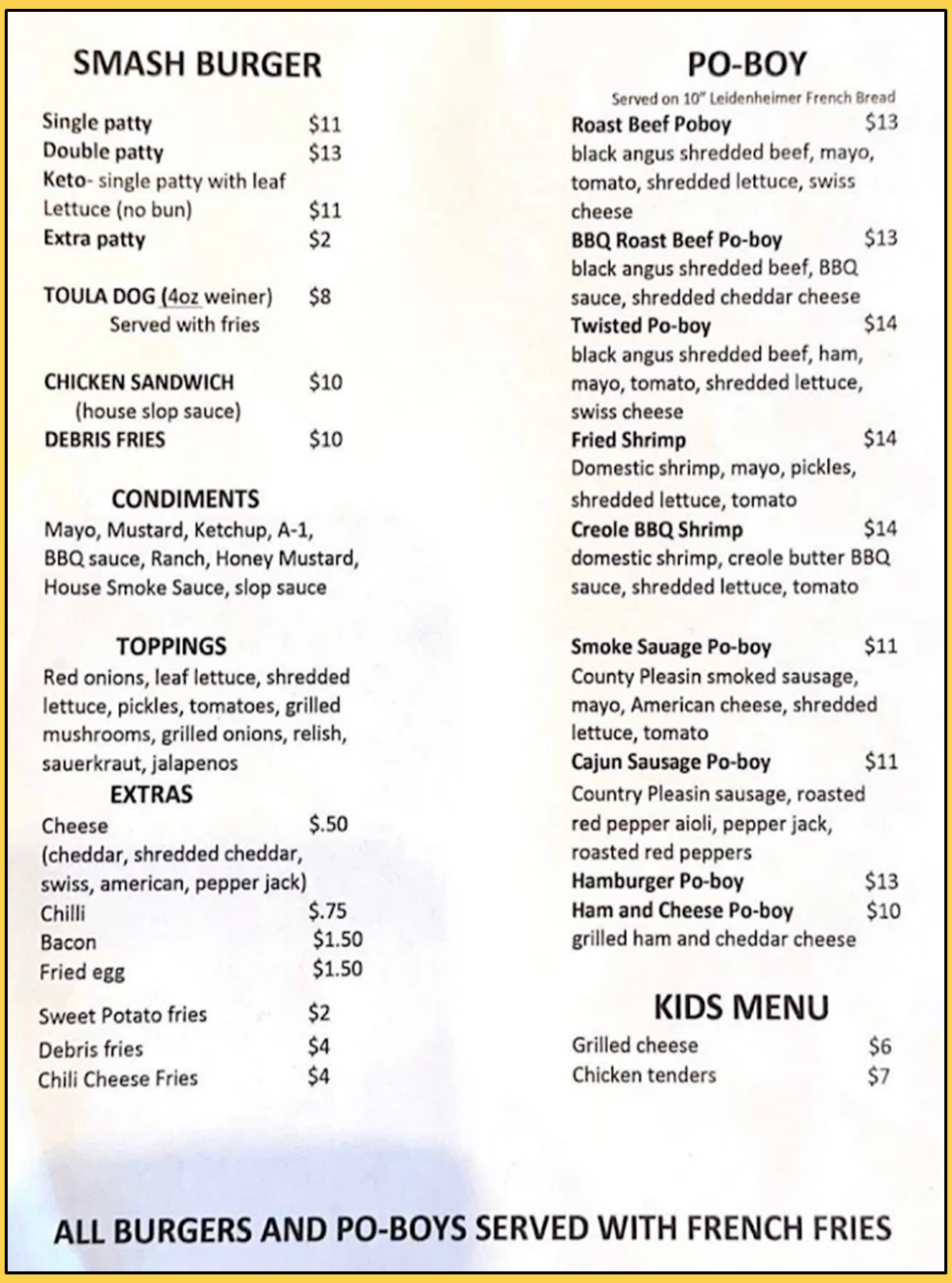
Are you a fan of Tangi eateries? An aficionado even? Only the sharpest of local foodies can identify the restaurant whose menu appears below. If you think you know, email us at PUBLISHER@TANGITIMES.COM.



SMASH BURGER

Single patty	$11
Double patty	$13
Keto- single patty with leaf Lettuce (no bun)	$11
Extra patty	$2
TOULA DOG (4oz weiner) Served with fries	$8
CHICKEN SANDWICH (house slop sauce)	$10
DEBRIS FRIES	$10

CONDIMENTS

Mayo, Mustard, Ketchup, A-1, BBQ sauce, Ranch, Honey Mustard, House Smoke Sauce, slop sauce

TOPPINGS

Red onions, leaf lettuce, shredded lettuce, pickles, tomatoes, grilled mushrooms, grilled onions, relish, sauerkraut, jalapenos

EXTRAS

Cheese (cheddar, shredded cheddar, swiss, american, pepper jack)	$.50
Chilli	$.75
Bacon	$1.50
Fried egg	$1.50
Sweet Potato fries	$2
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Roast Beef Poboy black angus shredded beef, mayo, tomato, shredded lettuce, swiss cheese	$13
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Fried Shrimp Domestic shrimp, mayo, pickles, shredded lettuce, tomato	$14
Creole BBQ Shrimp domestic shrimp, creole butter BBQ sauce, shredded lettuce, tomato	$14
Smoke Sauage Po-boy County Pleasin smoked sausage, mayo, American cheese, shredded lettuce, tomato	$11
Cajun Sausage Po-boy Country Pleasin sausage, roasted red pepper aioli, pepper jack, roasted red peppers	$11
Hamburger Po-boy	$13
Ham and Cheese Po-boy grilled ham and cheddar cheese	$10

KIDS MENU

Grilled cheese	$6
Chicken tenders	$7

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Congratulations to Shawn Prima for being the first to identify last week's menu from Tacos & Beer in Hammond!

Restaurants: to be featured in Name that Menu, email publisher@tangitimes.com.

Strawberry Festival
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2025 Entertainment Schedule

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

NORTH STAGE		SOUTH STAGE	
3:30-5:00p	3rd Street Band	5:00-7:00p	Rhythm Chasers
5:15-7:15p	Clay Courmier & the Highway Boys	7:45-9:45p	Yeah You Right Band
8:00-10:00p	Kings of Neon		

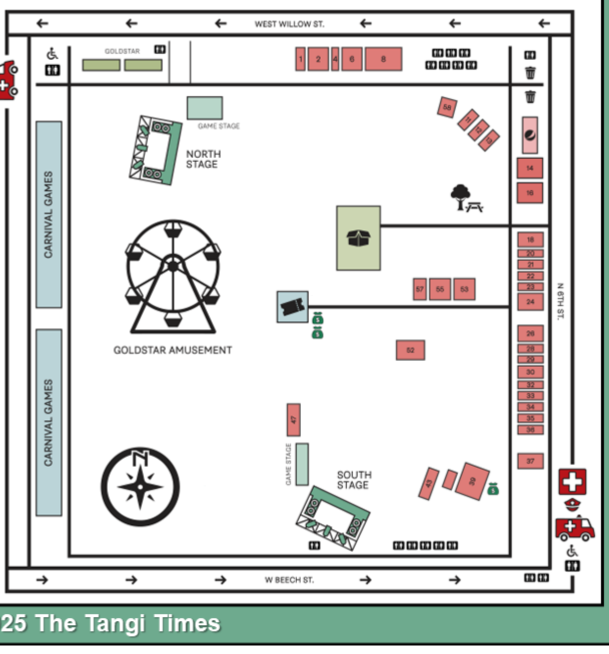
SATURDAY, APRIL 12

NORTH STAGE		SOUTH STAGE	
11:45a-1:45p	Nola Rouge	12:00-2:00p	Lindsey Cardinale
2:30-4:30p	Brittany Jenkins Band	2:30-4:30p	Tyler Kinchen & the Right Pieces
5:15-7:15p	Peyton Falgoust Band	5:00-7:00p	The Dominos
8:00-10:00p	Paper Chase	7:30-9:30p	Thomas Cain

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

NORTH STAGE		SOUTH STAGE	
9:00a	Church Service	12:00-1:30p	The Drunk Uncles
11:30a-1:30p	Nashville South	2:00-4:00p	Swampland Revival
2:15-4:15p	Spank the Monkey	4:30-6:30p	Rouge Crew
5:00-7:00p	Mixed Nuts		

Festival Map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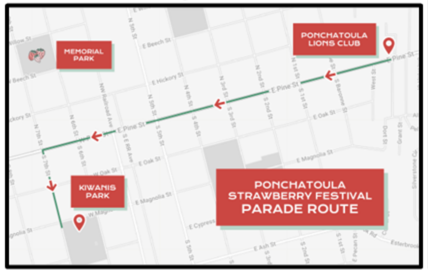
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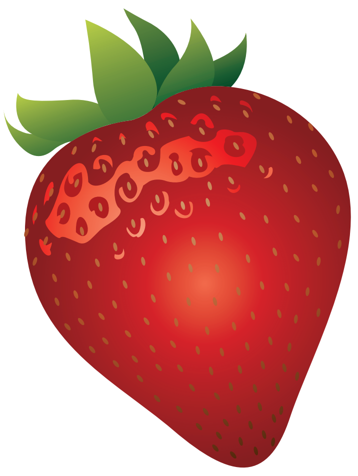

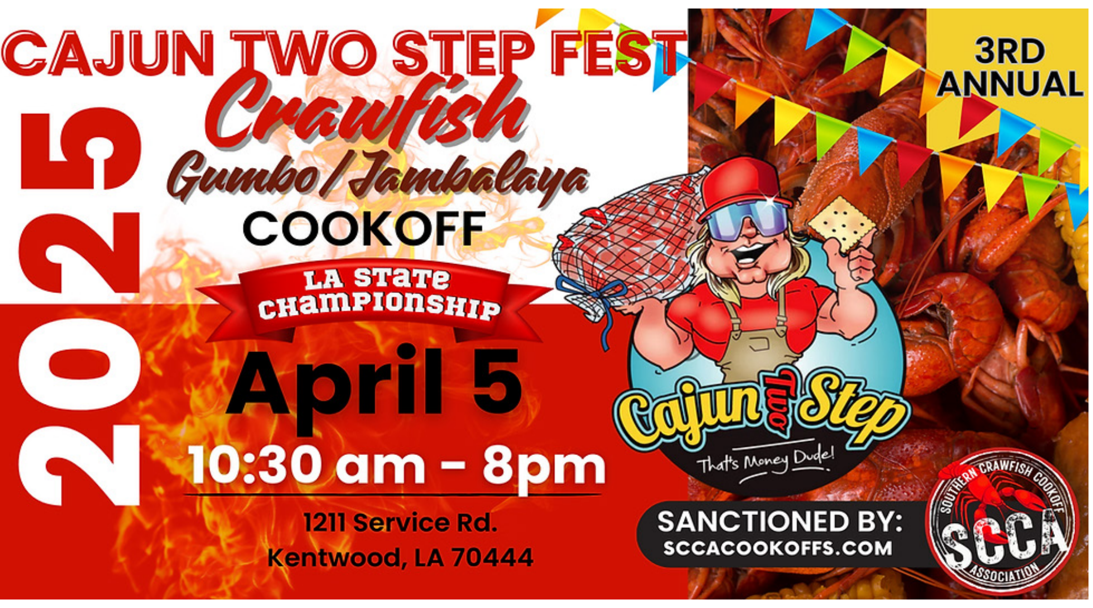
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Sunday, April 6			
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